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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-35 and 37-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-35 and 37-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-35, 37-46 are presented for examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/05/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-17, 19, 21, 23-26, 28, 29-31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40 and 42-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. [US Patent No 7,167,898], in view of Bates et al. [US Patent Application No 2003/0013456].

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5. As per claim 1, Sato discloses the invention as claimed including a method comprising:

defining at least one communication group and members of said groups in a personal communication device operable in a telecommunication network [i.e. select peer machines to participate in the conference] [Figures 4, 6 and 7; col 6, lines 29-col 7, lines 5; and col 7, lines 27-48],

defining communication actions associated with a notification method [i.e. data distribution process] [Figures 13-15; and col 10, lines 27-54],

sending at least one communication action of the defined communication actions to a far-end party by the personal communication device [i.e. the conference host distributes data to the data requester in the position to be the shortest time] [Figure 13; and col 11, lines 1-7],

identifying a communication group of said at least one communication group having the far-end party of the at least one communication action as a member [S1-S4, Figure 13; and col 10, lines 55-col 11, lines 1], and

sending notifications in response to the at least one communication action to target devices, that have members that belong to said identified communication group [i.e. after the distribution of data, remaining conferee peer machines are informed that the data distributed conferee peer machine is a mirror of the remaining conferee peer machines] [S5, Figure 13; Abstract; col 11, lines 7-10; and col 15, lines 33-35], wherein said notification are distinct from said at least one communication action [i.e. sending or informing the address of mirror data requester to all other data requesters is distinct from the distribution of data from the conference host to the data requester in the position to the shortest time as the result of a communication test] [col 2, lines 43-52; and col 11, lines 1-10].

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Sato does not specifically disclose wherein said notifications comprise presence information of said far-end party.

Bates disclose wherein said notifications comprise presence information of said far-end party [i.e. notifying a user of the presence of other group members] [paragraphs 0021, 0027 and 0038].

It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Sato and Bates since the teaching of Bates would enable one enhancement to the portable communication device to provide notify and alert a user of the presence of another user within the same region or area [Bates, paragraph 0026].

6. As per claim 2, Sato discloses a step of constructing an address table of target devices from a plurality of communication group member lists, said lists comprising the far-end party of the communication action as a member [i.e. plurality of addresses] [col 3, lines 31-36].

7. As per claim 4, Sato discloses a step of receiving notification messages from other devices [col 10, lines 60-63].

8. As per claim 6, Sato discloses a step of notifying said target devices on behalf of said far-end party [col 11, lines 7-10].

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9. As per claim 8, Sato discloses wherein said identification of actions is based on a predefined list of communication actions triggering the sending of notifications [i.e. algorithm for distributing data] [col 10, lines 39-54].

10. As per claim 9, Bates discloses wherein said notifications comprise one of the following: sounds to be played by said target devices, textual information, or visual symbols associated with said communication groups [i.e. alarm or email] [paragraphs 0046 and 0048].

11. As per claim 11, Sato discloses wherein said notification is sent over a connection utilizing Internet Protocol, version 6 [col 1, lines 18-22].

12. As per claim 12, Sato discloses wherein said communication action is one of the following: initiating a call, answering a call, sending a message, receiving a message, or reading a received message [Figure 13; and col 10, lines 55-col 11, lines 34].

13. As per claim 13, Bates discloses a step of adding a new member to a communication group upon receiving a notification associated with the communication group from a person previously not belonging to said communication group [i.e. add member to the group] [Figure 6; and paragraphs 0052 and 0053].

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14. As per claim 14, Bates discloses step of removing at least one member from the communication group, which member has not been active for a predetermined time limit [i.e. modify group size] [Figure 6; and paragraphs 0052 and 0053].

15. As per claim 15, Sato discloses a step of contacting a server for acquiring or updating communication group definitions [col 1,lines 24-37; and col 8, lines 46-col 9, lines 26].

16. As per claim 16, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1. Furthermore, Sato discloses the associations of profiles with actions [i.e. select application to be shared] [Figure 6; col 7, lines 27-48; and col 13, lines 37-54].

17. As per claim 17, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 2.

18. As per claim 19, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 4.

19. As per claim 21, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 9.

20. As per claim 23, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 11.

21. As per claim 24, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 12.

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22. As per claim 25, Sato discloses wherein said action is accessing a service [i.e. share application] [col 13, lines 22-37].

23. As per claim 26, Sato discloses wherein said action is part of a procedure for accessing the Internet [Figure 10; and col 8, lines 46-col 9, lines 25].

24. As per claims 28 and 29, they are rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claims 13 and 14.

25. As per claim 30, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 15.

26. As per claim 31, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1.

27. As per claim 33, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 4.

28. As per claim 35, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 6.

29. As per claim 37, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 16.

30. As per claim 38, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 2.

31. As per claim 40, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 8.

32. As per claim 42, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 11.

33. As per claims 43 and 44, they are rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claims 13 and 14.

34. As per claim 45, Sato discloses at least two devices arranged to communicate with each other [Figures 1 and 2; and col 5, lines 60-col 6, lines 5].

35. As per claim 46, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 1.

36. Claims 3, 5, 18, 20, 27, 32, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. [US Patent No 7,167,898], in view of Bates et al. [US Patent Application No 2003/0013456], and further in view of Ozzie et al. [US Patent No 6,640,241].

37. As per claim 3, Sato and Bates do not specifically disclose wherein each address appears not more than once in said constructed address table. Ozzie discloses wherein each address appears not more than once in said constructed address table [i.e. unique address] [col 7, lines 61-64]. It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Sato, Bates and Ozzie because the teaching of Ozzie would

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enable distributed computer-based system for coordinating and otherwise maintaining data pursuant to a distribute data model [Ozzie, col 1, lines 25-28].

38. As per claim 5, Ozzie discloses wherein a user presence database stored in said personal communications device is updated based on received notification data [col 18, lines 6-18].

39. As per claim 18, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 3.

40. As per claim 20, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 5.

41. As per claim 27, Ozzie discloses wherein said action is switching the user profile [Figure 5; and col 13, lines 9-37].

42. As per claim 32, Ozzie discloses associate said identified actions with at least one communication group by retrieving the communication group membership information of the far-end party involved in said action from the database stored in said personal communication device [col 18, lines 6-18].

43. As per claim 34, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 5.

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44. Claims 10, 22, 39, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. [US Patent No 7,167,898], in view of Bates et al. [US Patent Application No 2003/0013456], and further in view of Toth et al. [US Patent Application No 2005/0053068].

45. As per claim 10, Sato and Bates do not specifically disclose wherein said notification is short message service or multimedia messaging service message. Toth discloses wherein said notification is short message service or multimedia messaging service message [paragraphs 0048 and 0071]. It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Sato, Bates and Toth because Toth's teaching would provide an efficient utilization of scarce and expensive network resources in wireless networks [Toth, paragraphs 0117-0121].

46. As per claim 22, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 10.

47. As per claim 39, Sato and Bates do not specifically disclose which is a GSM or UMTS terminal. Toth discloses which is a GSM or UMTS terminal [paragraphs 0014 and 0016]. It would have been obvious to a person skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Sato, Bates and Toth because Toth's teaching would provide an efficient utilization of scarce and expensive network resources in wireless networks [Toth, paragraphs 0117-0121].

48. As per claim 41, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above in claim 10.

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49. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 8-35 and 37-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dustin Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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/Dustin Nguyen/
Examiner, Art Unit 2454